Muttattukadavu Bridge.

178. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to question No. 56 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 5th August 1929, about the Muttattukadavu bridge, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has since inspected the place; and

(*b*) whether any report has been submitted as a result of his inspection?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, on the 16th January 1930.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer has reported that a bridge at the place will cost about a lakh of rupees and that the work can be taken up only after more urgent and important bridges are completed. The question will, however, be placed before the Road Board.

Industrial loans granted to residents of Trivandrum.

179. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of industrial loans issued to residents in the Trivandrum town during the last four years (1101-1104);

(*b*) the number of cases in which the recipients of industrial loans in Trivandrum have become bankrupts and have filed insolvency petitions in Courts; and

(*c*) the number of recipients who have not yet begun paying back the amount in instalments?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 5.

(*b*) Government are not aware of any such cases.

(*c*) One.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Government have made any enquiry to know whether the recipients of industrial loans are becoming reduced to insolvent circumstances?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no necessity to make a general enquiry into the matter. But a case was reported by the Industrial Director to say that the first instalment due on a loan advanced to one lady was not paid in time.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether they have ascertained from courts whether these recipients have filed insolvency petitions?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Director says that there was no such case of insolvency petitions.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What I wish to know is whether Government have taken steps to enforce the regular payment of instalments?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There are rules governing the payment of instalments and the procedure to be adopted if such provisions are not complied with.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I know that there are rules. But have the Government taken steps to enforce the payment of these instalments at the appointed time?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is for the Department to take action and if there be any difficulty in the matter the Head of the Department will report the fact to Government.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): That is not a satisfactory answer. Certain payments are due at stated intervals.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Director of Industries will take action to enforce the rules on the subject.

Appointments made in the Textile Branch of the Industries Department.

180. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of appointments made by the Textile Expert of the Industrial Department during 1104 and 1105; and

(*b*) the number of appointments made in the Textile branch during 1104 and 1105?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 1104—Nil.
1105—3.

(*b*) 1104—4.
1105—3.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know when the Textile Expert was given the power of appointment *i. e.*, the date on which the Textile Expert was given the power of appointment?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The exact date is not before me now. It was at the close of 1104.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the number of appointments made by the Textile Expert in 1104?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was given the power only towards the close of 1104. He did not make any appointment in 1104.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know why this power was given only at the close of 1104 if he was to be invested with that power?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It may be due to the fact that the matter was not reported to Government till then. I have not got the file on that subject here.

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